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LONDON 276, PARIS 287, MOSCOW 267, POLAD USAREUR 232.

PARIS FOR EMBASSY, USRO, STOESSEL AND MC GUIRE.

RE BERLIN 391 DEPT, 347 BONN.

EARLY THIS MORNING EAST GERMAN BORDER POLICE UNLOADED FENCING
AND OTHER BUILDING MATERIAL ON ROAD TO STEINSTUECKEN AND
COMMENCED ERECTION WIRE FENCE ON BOTH FLANKS STEINSTUECKEN
ACCESS ROUTE AT SOVIET/WEST BERLIN BOUNDARY. EAST GERMANS
PRESUMABLY COMPLETING BORDER BARRIERS IN THIS PREVIOUSLY OPEN
AREA TO PREVENT REFUGEE FLIGHT. WHEN WIRE BARRIERS INSTALLED,
THEY WOULD EQUALLY WELL FENCE IN STEINSTUECKEN RESIDENTS IF
EAST GERMANS TAKE FINAL STEP OF STRETCHING WIRE BARRIER ACROSS
8-FOOT ACCESS ROAD. AS YET EAST GERMAN INTENTIONS RE ACCESS
NOT CLEAR. LIKELY TIME FOR ANY SUCH ACTION WOULD BE EARLY HOURS
ON A SUNDAY MORNING WHEN NEARLY ALL RESIDENTS RETURNED HOME FROM
WEST BERLIN.

ON AUGUST 31, STEINSTUECKEN REP OF ZEHLENDORF MUNICIPALITY WAS
TOLD DURING CALL AT EAST BERLIN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR THAT
SEPTEMBER TRANSIT PASSES FOR WEST BERLIN TRADESMEN WOULD NO
LONGER BE HANDLED BY PREVIOUS INFORMAL PROCEDURE, BUT THAT
WRITTEN REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO VOLKSPOLIZEI PRESIDIUM. VOPOS
AT ENTRANCE TO STEINSTUECKEN, ALTHOUGH AWARE OF EXPIRATION
MONTHLY TRANSIT PASSES, HAVE NOT INTERFERED WITH ACCESS WEST.
BERLIN TRADESMEN USING EXPIRED PASSES.

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